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To: Cecil Orsini [cecil.orsini@clb.guam.gov]
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Subject: RE: Guam Contractors Licensing Board

Thank you very much Cecil. I am really pushing for CNMI to end up with a legislative scheme similar to Guam's in dealing with contractors. Your assistance is really appreciated.

Best regards,

Mike Stoker

Regional Administrator, Region 9, US-EPA

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From: Cecil Orsini <cecil.orsini@clb.guam.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 10:42 PM
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Subject: Re: Guam Contractors Licensing Board

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached Contractors License Board's 21 Guam Code Annotated Real Property Chapter 70, Public Law 30-11. If you have questions, please feel free to email me at cecil.orsini@clb.guam.gov.

On Fri, Feb 8, 2019 at 8:18 PM Stoker, Michael B. <stoker.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Director Orsini,

I would really appreciate it if you could provide me information regarding the Guam statutory scheme relating to licensing and disciplining contractors in Guam. I am hoping to get CNMI to adopt the same standards as Guam. Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Michael Stoker

EPA Regional Administrator-Region 9

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On Feb 7, 2019, at 5:29 PM, Brian Bearden <brian.bearden@epa.guam.gov> wrote:

Hello Director Orsini,

Please see the forwarded message from USEPA Regional Administrator Michael Stoker. I have copied all of the original recipients in this message.

I apologize: I transcribed your email incorrectly the first time. I hope you will be able to assist in this matter.

Very respectfully,

Brian

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On Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 1:54 AM Stoker, Michael B. <stoker.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Orsini,

We are working towards CNMI adopting the same legislation regarding licensed contractors as Guam has. Is it possible for you to email the actual Guam statutes that relate to licensing contractors, the board, disciplinary actions vs. contractors, bonding requirement, etc. And please feel free to call anytime at your convenience to discuss. Making this happen in CNMI is one of my top priorities.

Best regards,

Michael Stoker

EPA Regional Administrator-Region 9

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On Jan 31, 2019, at 7:42 PM, Brian Bearden <brian.bearden@epa.guam.gov> wrote:

Hello Administrator Stoker,

Thanks for calling today to clarify what EPA and FEMA are looking for. I agree 100% with the idea of regulating contractors in the CNMI. I hope that the influx of recovery money from FEMA, along with some conditions attached to that money, will finally prompt the CNMI to move forward with this.

As you mentioned, CNMI also (and very badly) needs to staff its building code program with qualified leadership and inspectors. For almost the entire 20 years I lived in the CNMI, the head of the building permits program was not an engineer or architect, and the inspectors also often held little in the way of qualifications and were not particularly effective or even present at most construction projects. Whatever you can do to influence DPW on this would be very beneficial, I am sure.

I am attaching pdf copies of the enabling legislation, regulations, and application information for the Guam Contractors Licensing Board (which is housed within the Guam Department of Public Works). I think CNMI will likely find these to be very complex, in terms of the number of sub-types of contractors that they permit, and the fact that each requires an examination. Guam has a great deal of "infrastructure" to support contractor licensing in terms of the Guam Contractor's Association and Guam Trades Academy. CNMI has a trades academy, but no equivalent (that I am aware of) to the contractor's association, which is a non-profit organization and very active on Guam.

For additional information, I am providing the contact information for the Guam Board as follows:

Mr. Cecil Orsini
Executive Director

Guam Contractors Licensing Board
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I spoke with his staff today, and they seem to believe he would be willing to share whatever information they have that would assist.

If there is anything else I can do to assist you, please feel free to email or call me. My cell number Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Very respectfully,

Brian

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